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LETTER DATED 19 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that United States aircraft continued their violations of Iraqi national airspace for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation during the period 8 to 13 April 1993.

8 April 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Busayyah, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Khidr, Qurnah, Samawah, Artawi, Ushbayjah and Salman.

9 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

At 1300 hours on 9 April 1993, two hostile aircraft dropped heat flares on the Saddam Dam area in the Ninawa Governorate. At 1310 hours, the same two aircraft dropped three cluster containers on the control point protecting the dam, wounding one soldier.

(b) Southern region: 35 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Khidr and Busayyah.

At 1404 hours on 9 April 1993, a hostile TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft overflew the town of Shatrah at an altitude of 20,000 metres and at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour. At 1548 hours, the aircraft was observed south of the Amghar area disappearing in the direction of Saudi airspace.

10 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 7,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Ushbayjah, Salman and Busayyah.

11 April 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the region on this day.

(b) Southern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Basra, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Salman and Lasaf.

At 1430 hours on 11 April 1993, a hostile aerial formation consisting of two aircraft and flying at an altitude of 7,500 metres broke the sound barrier over the city of Nasiriyah.

12 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 1 sortie flown at a speed of 700 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 8,000 metres over the Ushbayjah area.

13 April 1993

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Salman and Busayyah.

At 1250 hours on 13 April 1993, a hostile two-aircraft formation flying at an altitude of 7,000 metres broke the sound barrier over the city of Nasiriyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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